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TOKYO FOR ERDA SCIREP

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SUBJ: IVDONESIAN INTEREST IN ASSISSTANCE IN NUCLEAR
ENERGY FIELD

1. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER MET RECENTLY WITH DR. A. J. SUWARDI, SECRETARY OF BATAN (THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY INSTITUTE), TO DISCUSS NECULEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS IN INDONESIA. MEETING WAS FOLLOW UP OF RECENT DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR HAD WITH RESEARCH MINISTER SUMITRO IN WHICH QUESTION PAST AND FUTURE COOPERATION WITH US IN ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD WAS RAISED.

2. SUWARDI, WHO SAID HE REGRETTEED THAT PAST COOPERATION WITH US HAD APPARENTLY ENDED, SAID GOI WOULD LIKE US ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING FIELDS:

A. TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCTION OF FUEL ELEMENTS.

B. INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ABOUT ACQUISITION OF A MATERIELS TESTING NUCLEAR REACTOR.

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C. ASSITANCE IN DEVELOPING AND EQUIPPING LABORATORY

TO WORK ON NUCLEAR SAFETY STANDARDS.

D. ASSISTANCE IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES.

E. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN NUCLEAR FIELD.

F. ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ELECTRONICS.

G. COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. (BATAN HAS NO COMPUTER YET.)

H. ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING A PLANNING DIVISION.

(BATAN ONLY IN STAGE OF PLANNING A PLANNING DIVISION.)

3. SUWARDI NOTED THAT COOPERATION WITH US IN NUCLEAR FIELD SEEMED TO HAVE FALLEN OFF TO NEAR ZERO POINT SINCE 1970. BATAN WOULD HOPE THAT COOPERATION WOULD BE RESUMED. HE NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDONESIA AND FRANCE IN 1969 HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE FRENCH EXPLORATION IN KALIMANTAN FOR URANIUM AND MUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM FRENCH.

4. QUITE APART FROM JUSTIFICATION OF INDONESIA'S STRATEGIC LOCATION AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS NOT TOO SOON TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH INDONESIAN ATOMIC PROGRAM IN ORDER BE ON GROUND FLOOR (WITH FRENCH) FOR FUTURE LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASING. WE CAN BUILD ON EARLIER COOPERATION STILL REMEMBERED AND APPRECIATED.

5. SUMITRO HAS ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR HE IS URGING GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY NPT.

6. PLEASE ADVISE HOW WE OUGHT BEST FOLLOW UP GOI INTEREST.
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